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SUBJECT: REPORT ON VISIT TO SUBIC NAVAL BASE, MANILA

FOR EUGENE KRIZEK, CONGRESSIONAL LIAISON FROM DOROTHY PARKER

1. VISIT TO SUBIC MAKES ONE PROUD TO BE AN AMERICAN. REAR ADMIRAL DONIPHAN P. SHELTON, HIS MEN AND THEIR WIVES SHOULD BE GIVEN A COMMENDATION FOR THE WONDERFUL WAY IN WHICH THEY HAVE HELPED THE CAMBODIAN AND SOUTH VIETNAMESE REFUGEES. AS OF MY VISIT ON MAY 15, 62,967 PEOPLE HAD BEEN PROCESSED THROUGH SUBIC AND CLARK. AS MANY AS 14,000 REFUGEES HAD BEEN AT SUBIC AT A TIME. ON MAY 15, THERE WERE 2833 IN SUBIC. THE NAVY PROVIDES THE NECESSARY SUPPORT, SUCH AS FOOD, WATER, 24 HOUR SHOWERS, TOLIETS, RECREATION (VOLLEY BALL), CLOTHING, MOVIES, ETC. THE PEOPLE ARE HOUSED IN CLEAN TENTS, PROVIDED SHEETS, ETC. THE GOLF COURSE AT GRANDE HAS BEEN TURNED INTO THE CAMP. ITS HOTEL ALSO IS USED TO HOUSE FAMILIES - THAT SEEMED MORE CROWDED THAN THE TENTS, BUT THE PEOPLE SAID THEY LIKED THE HOTEL BETTER BECAUSE OF ITS FACILITIES. THE ORGANIZATION TO HANDLE THE PEOPLE IS OUTSTANDING. AS THEY ARRIVE, THEY ARE GIVEN WATER, JUICES, SANDWICHES, NEEDED MEDICAL CARE, DIAPERS, ETC. NAVY VOLUNTEERS HELP WITH HEAVY LUGGAGE. THEN THEY ARE PROCESSED THROUGH CUSTOMS. THAT SEARCH IS CAREFUL IN ORDER TO FIND AND CONFISCATE ALL ARMS. I AM TOLD LITTLE DRUGS WERE FOUND. IF THE PEOPLE HAVE ANY VALUABLES, THEY

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CAN KEEP THEM OR TURN OVER TO NAVY TO HOLD (THEY ARE

GIVEN A CUSTODY RECEIPT IF THEY TURN ANYTHING OVER. I AM TOLD NOTHING HAS BEEN LOST OR STOLEN WHILE UNDER NAVY CUSTODY). BODY SEARCH IS SIMILAR TO OURS WHEN WE BOARD A PLANE WITH VOLUNTEER WOMEN SEARCHING WOMEN. MANY WERE MANIFESTED AND PUT ON PLANES WITHIN A PERIOD OF AN HOUR OR SO. IF THEY ARE TO STAY, THE PEOPLE ARE GIVEN A HOT LUNCH, COTS, MATS AND ASSIGNED PLACE TO STAY. VIETNAMESE TOLD ME THEY ASKED EACH PERSON BE GIVEN A NUMBERED WRIST BAND SO THAT THEY ARE ALL TREATED ALIKE AND MOVED ACCORDING TO THEIR NUMBER, THE FIRST IN BEING THE FIRST TO LEAVE. PAPERS HAVE REPORTED "FENCES" AROUND AND IN CAMP. THAT IS A GROSS EXAGGERATION OF THE USE OF THESE FENCES. WHEN PEOPLE ARE ARRIVING AND LEAVING AT THE SAME TIME, THE FENCES ARE USED TO CONTROL TRAFFIC FLOW AND KEEP FAMILIES AND ESPECIALLY CHILDREN FROM BEING LOST. ALSO, THERE IS A STEEP DROP TO THE WATER. WHEN THERE IS NO PROCESSING OF HUGE NUMBERS (AS WHEN I WAS AT SUBIC), ALL THE FENCES ARE OPENED AND THE PEOPLE MOVE FREELY WHEREVER THEY WANT TO GO. THESE ARE WIRE FENCES - NOT BARBED WIRE AS I SAW IN MOST OTHER CAMPS. THERE IS A 24 HOUR RED CROSS INTERN; SICK CALL MANNED BY AMERICAN AND VIETNAMESE OR CAMBODIAN DOCTORS; A TREATMENT ROOM, WITH A SCREENED AREA FOR PRIVATE EXAMINATIONS; A WARD AND UPSTAIRS A QUARANTINE AREA AS THERE HAVE BEEN 4-6 CASES OF MEASLES. PEOPLE HAVE NEEDED LITTLE MEDICAL CARE OTHER THAN BECAUSE OF ACCIDENTS ONCE THEY HAVE BEEN TREATED FOR DEHYDRATION. AS MANY AS 80 WOMEN INCLUDING MRS. SHELTON HAVE BEEN VOLUNTEERING DAILY TO HELP PROCESS PEOPLE, TO TALK WITH THEM ABOUT AMERICA, TO HELP THEM TAKE CARE OF CHILDREN, ETC. VOLUNTEER WOMEN AND VOLUNTEER OFF-DUTY NAVY MEN WERE WORKING ON STERILIZING AND FILLING BOTTLES IN THE NURSERY WHILE I WAS THERE AND HELPING PROCESS 194'S FOR VIETNAMESE. THE PEOPLE HAVE ORGANIZED THEMSELVES. THERE IS A MAYOR OR CAMP LEADER. HE IS QUACH HUYAH HA, THE LAST MAYOR OF SAIGON AND FORMER COMMISSIONER GENERAL OF STATE FOR PUBLIC SERVICE. THEY HAVE A DEPUTY CAMP LEADER FOR CAMBODIANS AND DEPUTY CAMP LEADER FOR VIETNAMESE. HAVE ORGANIZED POPULATION ON CHART ACCORDING TO SEX AND THEN BROKEN MALES DOWN INTO 3 AGE GROUPS (UNDER 16, 16-45, OVER 45) SO THAT CAMPT DUTIES CAN BE ASSIGNED. THEY HANDLE MANPOWER, ARRANGE COTS, CLEAN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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LATRINES, GET RECALCITRANT TO WORK, RUN A CAMP NEWSPAPER, HAVE CLASSES IN ENGLISH FOR CHILDREN AND ADULTS, TAKE CARE OF OWN GUARD DUTY AND FIRE WATCH, DISTRIBUTE HANDOUTS SO PEOPLE CAN FOLLOW LESSONS ON LOUDSPEAKER AND HAVE BEEN HANDLING I-94 PREPARATIONS SO THAT VIETNAMESE WILL BE READY TO MOVE WHEN PAROLE IS AUTHORIZED FOR THEM. (COULD GOVERNMENT FOUNDATION HELP BE GIVEN FOR NEWSPAPER - ALTHOUGH THEY SEEM TO DO O.K. WITHOUT ANY FUNDS?)

2. MOST DIFFICULTY HAS BEEN WITH AMERICANS. TWO AMERICANS CONTACTED ME AT HOTEL AND I SAW THEM IN CAMP, DONALD FRAGAZI AND GERALD SILVER. WHEN THERE WAS AN AIRLIFT I AM TOLD THEY COULD NOT BE FOUND TO GO TO GUAM, THEY CLAIM THEY WERE AT BOQ. THEY HAVE NO PAPERS AND NO MONEY AND WANTED TO GO OUT AS SEAMEN AND WORK THEIR WAY BACK ON AMERICAN MERCHANT VESSEL. THIS WAS IMPOSSIBLE AS THEY ARE NOT MEMBERS OF THE UNION, SO THEY ARE ANGRY WITH EMBASSY, CONSUL, ETC. THEY ARRIVED MAY 8, THE AIRLIFT STOPPED MAY 11 AND THEY WERE FUMING. SPOKE WITH DAVID BETTS ABOUT LOAN TO GET THEM OUT AS THEY ARE TWO TROUBLEMAKERS. HE AGREED TO TRY TO MOVE THEM TO U.S.

3. THERE IS NO PAROLE AUTHORITY GIVEN EMBASSY FOR VIETNAMESE. IF NONE IS FORTHCOMING SHORTLY, MORALE OF VIETNAMESE IN CAMP WILL SURELY BE SERIOUS PROBLEM AS THEY SEE CAMBODIANS COME AND GO ON WHILE THEY REMAIN.

4. ON MAY 16, WAS INTERVIEWED BY KATE WEBB, UPI AND CARL ROBINSON AP. ALL THEY WERE INTERESTED IN WAS WHY MOVEMENT AT GUAM HAD STOPPED AND WHAT WAS WRONG. WEBB IS MOST ANTAGONISTIC TO U.S. - HAD NO INTEREST IN WELL RUN CAMP AS SUBIC OR WHAT ADMIRAL SHELTON AND VOLUNTEERS HAD DONE, WHICH IS REALLY OUTSTANDING. ROBINSON WAS ANGRY BECAUSE HIS AMERICAN CITIZEN WIFE WAS FREE TO GO FROM GUAM TO U.S. BUT HIS "ADOPTED CHILD" AND MRS. ROBINSON'S "SISTER" WERE IN THE SYSTEM AND NOT BEING RELEASED. I PROMISED TO SEE WHAT WAS NEEDED FOR THEM TO GO ON AT HIS EXPENSE. IN LATER CONVERSATIONS, AFTER TALKING TO WIFE IN GUAM, HE SAID HE THOUGHT HE WOULD GO TO GUAM TO WRITE UP SYMPATHETIC STORY - BUT I DOUBT STORY WILL BE PRO-U.S. ACTIVITY AT GUAM. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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TM MET WITH AGNES O'CASEY OF CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICE. SHE HAD BEEN TO GUAM, BUT NOTHING WAS BEING DONE BY AGENCY IN MANILA AND SHE REPORTED LITTLE VOLUNTARY AGENCY ACTIVITY AT GUAM. ONLY CRS, IRC AND ICEM WERE AT GUAM WHEN SHE WAS THERE EARLY IN WEEK. EMBASSY COULD NOT BOOK ME ON FLIGHT TO TAIPEI ON 5/16, SO HAD TO WAIT FOR 5/17 FLIGHT. WE WERE LUCKY TO GET SEATS ON THE 5/17TH FLIGHT. IT WAS JAMMED. AMBASSADOR SULLIVAN, WELLINGTON SOONG AND DON MARSHALL WANT TO BE REMEMBERED TO SENATOR FONG.

6. CARDINAL ROSALES, PRES. CATHOLIC BISHOP'S CONFERENCE IN MANILA MADE A STRONG APPEAL FOR HELP TO REFUGEES AND SET ASIDE MAY 18, PENTECOST SUNDAY AS A DAY OF PRAYER FOR REFUGEES. PAPERS REPORTED PHILIPPINE GOVERNMENT HAD

ACCEPTED 1265 VIETNAMESE REFUGEES, ALL BUT 108 HAD RELATIVES  
IN PHILIPPINES. OTHERWISE THEY ARE STEERING BOATS TOWARDS  
SUBIC SO THAT NO MORE REFUGEES LAND. BOATS WHICH SINGAPORE  
WOULD NOT LAND WERE DUE IN SUBIC BY 6 A.M. FRIDAY, MAY 16,  
BUT HAD NOT ARRIVED WHEN I LEFT EARLY ON THE 17TH. A BOAT  
WITH 1600 RELIGIOUS (NUNS AND PRIESTS) DID UNEXPECTEDLY  
COME IN ON MAY 17 TWO WEEKS AFTER LEAVING SAIGON. THE REPORT  
WAS 1300 WERE ABLE TO AND WOULD SAIL ON TO GUAM, 300  
WOULD LIKELY REMAIN AT SUBIC FOR TREATMENT FOR DEHYDRATION  
AND STARVATION.

7. SORRY REPORT FROM THAILAND SO GARBLED, BUT IT WENT  
OUT UNREAD AS IT WAS NOT READY FOR 2 DAYS. HAVE COMPLETE  
NOTES. REFUGEE SITUATION IN THAILAND TENUOUS.  
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